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We are writing to you to be sure we understand the instruction you gave to Bob Duke, Water-Master for Basin 34, dated Nov. 17, 2003, concerning stock water delivery during the fall and winter months. Also to find out the length of time period that this water is to be delivered.


The conclusions that we have arrived at are -

1. The amount that any ranch or farm should receive is .02 cubic feet per second, which we think is approximately 9 gallons per minute.
2. That this amount of water is to be delivered to the property line of the patron receiving stock water.
3. That this is for watering livestock only and not to be delivered for any other purpose.
4. That if a patron has access to a live stream source they are not entitled to any additional surface water.
5. That the water delivered through the irrigation canals or ditches are to be only enough water to supply the stock water to those patrons on any given canal or ditch.
6. That surface water is not to be wasted or spread on any land during this period.
7. That once the water is taken from the main source and placed in the Canals or Ditches, it is up to the Big Lost River Irrigation District to manage the water in accordance with these rules.

Another question we have is the duration of delivery. Is it for the fall period only or is it for the entire off irrigation season. The reason we ask this question is that there comes a time in November or in December that the surface water freezes solid and ceases to flow. Also if there are no livestock in the portion of the ranch where the water is delivered, would it be safe to conclude that the water delivery should be curtailed?

Would you please respond to these conclusions and questions.

Thanking you, we are very truly yours,

  
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